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Anglo-Russian Dispute Will Be Settled By Arbitration.

ORDERS ISSUED TO RUSSIAN FLEET

The Second Pacific Squadron is Directed to Remain at Vigo, Spain.

ELIMINATES A CREAT DANCER.

Namely, Possibility of a Premature Clash Between the Russian and British Squadrons.

CABINET MINISTERS VERY MERRY

When They Left Meeting They Were Laughing and Chatting, and in a Happy Frame of Mind.

London, Oct. 28, 1:34 p. m.-Orders mve been issued and acknowledged by Vice Admiral Rojestvensky that the Resslan squadron remain at Vigo until the conclusion of the present Russo-British negotiations. This climinates was regarded here as one of the nest dangerous features of the situation, namely the possibility of a premature clash between the British and Russian squadrons.

The cabinet today considered the Russian proposition to submit the question of individual responsibility to a commission. The details of the exampation of this commission have not yet been quite determined upon, but Russia has expressed her willingness to detach the commander of the Second Pacinc squadron and such other individual officers as may be found to have been directly concerned in the firing for examination by the commission. By agreeing to abide by the verdict of this commission Russia would undertake to carry out sentences which it may im-

jese and thereby it is believed the separate of punishment, which o distasteful to Russia, may be ob-Ambassador Benckendorff, after secing Lord Lansdowne this morning, was very hopeful of a satisfactory issue. day, and is still expecting further in-spections from St. Petersburg anen Unless the cabine declines to agree to the proposition in principle, to which Lord Lansdowne his thus far raised no insurmountable

sight or tomorrow. BENCKENDORFF BUSY EARLY.

London, Oct. 28 .- Russian Ambassader Benckendorff paid another visit this morning to Foreign Secy. Lansdowne at the latter's private residence. The visit was made before half-past 10 clock. The ambassador conveyed to the minister further dispatches from the Russian government. The earliness of the call is accounted for by the pecesity for placing the foreign min-ister in possession of the latest views of the government at St. Petersburg regarding the North sea incident, so that Lord Lansdowne would be in a poat the cabinet meeting today the full-est details regarding the negotiations held up to date. The ambassador's held up to date. The ambassador's slay did not last more than a half hour Ambassador Cambon again was present few minutes after the departure of Count Benckendorff.

There are evidences of increasing be-Mef among well-informed persons that the dispute between Russia and Great Britain will not lead to serious complications, and that an amicable settlement will be reached. Russia, so far as is known, is showing every disposition to meet the British views, and it is conceded that the delay in replying plainable on the ground that the Russian government naturally desires to be placed in possession from its own sources of all details connected with

Subsequently Mr. Balfour and Foreign Secy. Lansdowne had a somewhat prolonged conference. They then pro-ceded to the meeting of the cabinet. which was attended by the whol minis-

Subsequent to their meeting at Lansdowne house Ambassador Benkerdorff and Ambassador Cambon held a con-ference at the French embassy and lat-Russian embassy saying it was in constant communication with the British government, and that as a result of these communications the embassy hoped that there would be a speedy and satisfactory settlement, and that the whole aspect of the situation had de-

FROM RUSSIAN EMBASSY.

London, Oct. 28, 1:07 p. m.—A statement has just been issued by the Russian embassy as follows:

We are in constant communication with the British government. As a result of these communications the embassy hopes that there will be a speedy and satisfactory settlement. The whole aspect of the situation has decidedly aspect of the situation has decidedly

CABINET MINISTERS HAPPY.

London, Oct. 28.—The widespread in-terest in today's cabinet meeting was evidenced by the early assembling this morning of crowds in Downing street. These gatherings soon became so thick that the police were obliged to disperse them into the neighboring Whitehall district.

Premier Balfour was early at work attending to his correspondence and reteiving visitors, among whom was

Lord Rothschild.

The cabinet meeting broke up shortly before 2 o'clock, the ministers laughing and chatting and being apparently in the happiest frame of mind, thus confirming the belief that the crisis is in a fair way to be dissipated.

Queen Alexanders's deep concern testing the co

Queen Alexandra's deep concern re-garding the Anglo-Russian crisis was evidenced today. Hardly had the cabihet risen when a message was handed to Mr. Balfour from her and the pre-mier immediately drove to Buckingham palace, where he had a prolonged intercourse of the afternoon proceeded to Sandringham and Mr. Balfour went to

INSTRUCTIONS TO ROJESTVEN-SKY.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 28, 5 p. m .- The admiralty authorizes the statement that Admiral Rojestvensky has been in-structed to remain at Viso pending the inquiry into the North sea incident.

A high admiral said to (ae Associated

I consider that the acute stage of this deplorable misunderstanding is over. I do not countenance for one minute the wild insinuations that British torpedoboats were the aggressors, but I cannot explain the presence of two mysterious torpedoboats. I cannot believe they were Russians returning to Join the squadron and that they were mistaken for fees. But if this turns out to be the case it was Rojestvensky's duty to protect his ships from what he believed to be a hostile attack."

SETTLEMENT OF ANGLO-RUSSIAN DIFFERENCES.

London, Oct. 28 .- It is suggested that the cruicles of the convention concluded at The Hague furnish a good and satisfactory basis for the contemplated procedure Article 9, etc., of the convention, dealing with international commissions of inquiry regarding "differences involving neither nonor nor vital interests arising from differences of opinion on points of fact" and how the court of inquiry shall be constituted are considered to meet the situation. Mr. Balfour will thus be enabled to tell his audience tonight of the practical settlement of the dispute which, but for this solution, would have led to a clash between the British channel squadron and the Russian Second Pacific squadron, which must have plunged the two countries into war. How near was the rupture is evidenced by the fact that Great Britain went to the length of conveying a strong hint to Russia that unless satisfaction was given, ensuring an adequate inquiry and the punishment of any one found guilty, the Russian squadron will not be allowed to proceed beyond Tangler. Even this morning, in dispatching cruisers from Gibraltar, Vice Admiral Lord Beresford, the commander of the channel squadron, the commander of the signalled them "situation critical. Good luck." situation. Mr. Balfour will thus be en-

Throughout the affair the influence of the recent Anglo-French understanding has been a potent element and Ambassa-dor Cambon, whether acting person-sonally or in behalf of the French gov-ernment, has been indefatigable in using his close relationship with both the British government and the Russian em-bassy to bring about an honorable settle-ment,

Britian Buys Mules.

New York, Oct. 28 .- A dispatch from Buenos Ayres, Argentina, says, according to the Herald correspondent at Valparaise, Chile, that the British governreent has purchased there 8,000 mules destined for the Indian army. The ani-mals are to be delivered in Calcutta next February.

ACCIDENT IN SUBWAY.

Young Woman Falls Between the Platform and a Train.

New York, Oct. 28 .- The first serious accident since the formal opening of the subway occurred today when a young woman named Sadie Lawson of Jersey City fell between the platform and a local train at the Fourteenth street station and was badly crushed. She has a fractured hip and bruises of more or less serious nature, but will recover.

When the rush hour schedule went into effect today everything in the subway was in perfect order, and the big downtown bound crowds were handled with litte trouble.

Cockran Has Throat Trouble.

Kansas City, Oct. 28.-Bourke Cockran of New York, who passed through Kansas City for St. Louis early today, it desas City for St. Louis early today, it develops, consulted a physician regarding his throat, which has been causing him some trouble of late. The physician, it is stated, advised an operation, which, however, Mr. Cockran, it is said, decided to postpone until after election. Mr. Cockran is en route to Indiana, where he is to make several speeches.

Admiralty Orders.

London Oct. 28.—Admiralty orders have reached Portsmouth to stop the leave of all officers and men and directing that the torpedo boat destroyer flotilla be kept in readiness to proceed wherever ordered,

Allanton and Calchas Released.

Vladivostok, Oct. 28.—The British steamers Allanton and Calchas, both seized by the Vladivostok squadron, have been re-leased. A deposit of \$300,000 was made in behalf of the latter vessel, whose case comes up on appeal at St. Petersburg

Parker's Appreciation of Bryan. Esopus, N. Y., Oct. 28.—Judge Parker has expressed high appreciation of the part William Jennings Bryan has taken in the present campaign, and today sent him a telegram as follows:

"To Hon. William Jennings Bryan: I wish to thank you for the splendid service you have rendered to the Democratic party in Indiana, and elsewhere, during resent campaign.

ALTON B. PARKER."

Cornelius Shields Dead.

Sault Ste Marie. Mich., Oct. 28.—Cor-neiling Shields, general manager of the Consolidated Lake Superior corporation, died suddenly today from heart failure.

Boom Defenses at Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, Oct. 28.—Boom defenses are seing rigged at both ends of the barbor.

The battleships of the channel fleet are till in port with steam up and decks leared.

Ex-Gov. Nash Drops Dead. Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 28.—Former Gov. George K. Nash dropped dead in his bath-room today.

FIRE IN SOUTH BROOKLYN. One Man Burned to Death. An

other Seriously Injured. New York, Oct. 28,-One man was burned to death and another seriously ourned to death and another schoolsy injured in a fire at the Bush Terminal company's pier, South Brooklyn, early today. The dead man is Patrolman Cushing and Fireman John B. Walsh is in a hospital suffering from injuries. The fire was discovered on the lighter Victor, lying at pier 7, foot of Forty-first street. The vessel was laden with cotton. When the engines arrived the flames had spread to the pier, which was loaded with cotton, and it was en-tirely destroyed by fire. The pler was 700 feet in length and was one of the largest in this vicinity. The losses soon reached the lighters Bend. Iowa, and another known as No. 206, all laden with cotton, and then jumped to pier 6.

England And Russia Will Not Fight.

The Dispute Arising in Consequence of the North Sea Incident Will Be Satisfactorily Settled-Great Britain Offers to Submit the Complications to an International Commission - Every Reason to Believe That Russia Will Accept Offer.

LONDON, OCT. 28, 4:07 P. M.-THE ASSOCIATED PRESS IS AUTHORIZED TO STATE THAT A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT OF THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN DISPUTE HAS BEEN REACHED. SEVERAL DETAILS AND FORMALITIES REMAIN TO BE ARRANGED, BUT THE PRO-POSAL TO REFER THE MATTER TO A COURT OF INQUIRY HAS BEEN ACCEPTED.

PARIS, OCT. 28.-GREAT BRITAIN HAS OFFERED TO SUBMIT THE RUSSO-BRITISH COM-PLICATIONS TO AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION, AND THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT RUSSIA WILL ACCEPT THIS ARRANGEMENT.

ST. PETERSBURG, OCT. 28, 2:45 P. M .- ORDERS HAVE BEEN TELEGRAPHED TO VICE-AD-MIRAL ROJESTVENSKY TO DETAIN AT VIGO ALL THE WARSHIPS WHICH TOOK PART IN THE NORTH SEA INCIDENT.

THE ENTIRE DISPUTE WAS ENDED WHEN AMBASSADOR BENKENDORFF CAW LORD LANS. DOWNE AFTER THE CABINET MEETING. A FINAL INQUIRY WILL BE HELD AT THE HAGUE UNDER THE RULES OF THE HAGUE CONVENTION. THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ARBITRATORS WILL BE DISCUSSED TOMORROW BETWEEN AMBASSADOR BENKENDORFF AND LORD LANS. DOWNE. THE ONLY DETAIL WHICH REMAINS TO BE ARRANGED IS THE PERMISSION OF SPAIN FOR THE PORTION OF THE RUSSIAN SQUADRON CONCERNED IN THE NORTH SEA INCIDENT TO REMAIN AT VIGO UNTIL THE INQUIRY IS COMPLETED. THIS NO DOUBT WILL BE OB-TAINED. THE REMAINDER OF THE RUSSIAN SQUADRON IS EXPECTED TO PROCEED TO ITS

A number of steamships and smaller craft were taken out on the stream and escaped the flames. Fire Commissioner Doyle says the loss will not exceed

THE LABARE MURDER.

Bringing of Guilty Parties to Jusice to be Insisted On.

Washington, Oct. 28,-Immediate action looking to the arrest and trial of the outlaws implicated in the murder of Mr. Labare, the American missionary, nearly a year ago in Persia, will be insisted upon by Dr. Norton, consul at Harput, who has been sent to Persia by the state department, accredited to Theran as envoy on a special mission. At the state department it is stated that the leader of the band supposed to have murdered Labore has been arrested. The Persian government is acting with a dilatoriness not to the sking of the Washington officials, and Dr. Norton will be instructed to state the dissatisfaction of this government with the conduct of the case.

MISSIONARIES ORGANIZE.

Class at L. D. S. University Full of Energy and Interest.

"The day missionary class at the Lat. ter-day Saints' university is small in numbers, but excellent in quality," is the report of the teachers, President J. H. Paul and Elder Benjamin Goddard, who are conducting the work. One of the class, M. M. Bywater, has just discontinued in order to fill a mission, in this country. Most of the class will remain at school till next April. Those who desire to attend may report at the

On Wednesday merning the mission-ary students assembled in Room 301 of the Business college, and effected a class organization. Fred A. Sheffield of Kaysville was elected president, Miss Eva Jensen of Salt Lake City, vice president, and Walter T. Hogan of Bountiful, secretary and treasurer. The members expressed a determination to do good work, and spirited addresses were made by the newly elected officers. It was suggested that at the monthly lass meetings some of the leading brethren be invited to address the missionary students. A prostam com-mittee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. T. W. Bliss, August Nelson and John I. Hatch.

TIMMS OBSEQUIES.

Impressive Services Held in Twenty-Seventh Ward Chapel.

The funeral of the late William Timms was held from the Twenty-seventh ward chapel yesterday afternoon, Bishop James Maxwell, presiding. The ward choir furnished the music, and the opening prayer was offered by El-der Walter Williams, after which remarks of a consoling nature were made by Elders George E. Perry, Thomas Nash, Robert F. Neslen, Herbert J. Foulger, Benjamin Goddard, Bishop James C. Watson and Bishop Maxwell. The benediction was pronounced by Elder Benjamin Wilson. In their remarks the speakers praised the deceased for his integrity to the truth, he having been a faithful member of the Church for a period of 61 years. Interment was in the city cemetery.

ADJUDGED INSANE.

Miss Irene Carrington Ordered Committed to State Mental Hospital.

Miss Irene I. Carrington, who resides at 142 north West Temple street, was examined as to her sanity this morning at Unity hospital by Judge Lewis and Drs. Mayo and Young and was committed to the state mental hospital at Provo. The woman was in a violent condition and had to be strapped to the bed during the examination. Only a few days ago she created quite a sensation at the city and county building by reporting that a house opposite the building was being burglar-ized. Upon investigation it was discovered that there was no cause for

such a rumor. On the same day she went into Judge Stewart's court room during the trial of a case and disturbed the court and had to be taken from the room. A short time ago she petitioned the court for letters of guardianship of the person of her mother, whom she alleges was an incompetent person. It was found by the evidence submitted that it was simply a case of jealousy on her art because she imagined that her brother was trying to defraud her mother of some of her property. The Mew with the queen. The latter in the set fire to the Italian steamer Citta di Judge Hall.

CZAR APPROVES SETTLEMENT

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St. Petersburg, Oct. 28,-The

BY ARBITRATION.

emperor has approved the proposal to submit the North sea incident to an international tribunal.

ROJESTVENSKY'S STORY IS TOO THIN

English Press Thinks the Sooner He Returns Home the Better It Will be for Everybody.

HE IS REGARDED AS A LUNATIC

Russian Naval General Staff Publishes Dispatches From Vice Admirat.

London, Oct. 28 .- "How much longer?" is the burden of the newspaper editorial articles this morning. Commenting upon the continued delay of the Russian government and what is characterized as the amazing story Admiral Rojestvensky presents in defense of his action little disposition is displayed to listen for a moment seriously to the admiral's story. Some St. Petersburg special correspondents even go so far as to suggest the explanation "home manufactured." The most serious of the morning newspapers

New Saturday Features.

Commencing tomorrow, the "News" takes pleasure in announcing the first installment of . a series of articles on international questions from the pen of a distinguished Washington diplomat. His name is withheld for obvious reasons, but of his ability to pass on the delicate question of the relations existing between the world powers, no one who reads his papers can doubt. The articles will appear simultaneously in the leading eastern papers, but only in the Saturday "News" in the western I section of the country.

The Saturday "News" will also begin the publication of extracts from the new book just issued, "Old Gorgon Graham, More Letters from a Selfmade Merchant to His Son." Nine foreign countries have already it secured the rights to print this book, which promises to exceed ; in interest its predecessor, "Letters from a Self-made Merchant to His Son."

The extracts from the work are furnished the "News" by special I arrangement with the publishers, Doubleday, Page & Co.

confess that the country is under the shadow of war, and that the word is now with Russia. 'The Standard editorially describes Rojestvensky's whole story as the cre-

ation of a disordered imagination, bearing its refutation on its face, and says: "For Russia to enter a controversy with England on the basis of such a tissue misstatesments can only lead to The Daily Telegraph says: "If the

admiral believes his own story, all that can be said is that the sooner he returns home and is looked after the bet-ter it will be for himself, his family

and his country."

These extracts well represent the opinion of the country and press. The fact that the Baltic squadron appears to have fired on vessels of various nationalities is regarded as proving that its officers were in a condition of nervous panic, rendering the squadron a danger to the world's commerce. According to the Daily Telegrap's St.

Petersburg correspondent Admiral Ro-Jestvensky received from the admiralty in code secret instructions not only authorizing but obliging him to fire on all ships approaching too close or other-wise arousing suspicion, but that foreign governments were not notified of instructions.

At Hull, where the simplicity of the funeral rites over the bodies of the victims was in strong contrast to the deep feeling displayed by the enormous concourse of public mourners, Admiral Rojestvensky's statements are dismissed as absolutely inaccurate and unworthy

of the slightest consideration.

The fishermen are emphatic in declar ing that it can be proved beyond doubt that there were no Japanese torpedoboats in the vicinity of Dogger bank. Further, they point out that the Baltic squadron was 30 miles out of its proper squadron was 3 course, with the result that the vessels steamed into the midst of the trawlers, and this is the only foundation, they assert for the allegation that the transport Anatol was surrounded by unknown vessels.

HOJESTVENSKY'S DISPATCHES. St. Petersburg, Oct. 28.—The naval general staff publishes the following dispatches from Vice Admiral Rojest.

First dispatch: "The North sea inci-dent was caused by two torpedo boats advancing to attack without lights un-der cover of darkness against the vessels leading the detachment. When the detachment turned on its searchlights and opened fire the presence of several small steamboats resembling steam fishing boats was discovered. The defishing boats was discovered. tachment endeavored to spare these and ceased firing as soon as the torpedo boats were out of sight.

"The English press ts indignant because a torpedo boat left by the detachment on the spot until morning did not aid the victims. Now there was not a single torpedo hoat near the detach-ment and none remaining near the small steamboats was that torpedo boat which was not sunk but only damaged. The detachment did not aid the little steamboats because we suspected obstinately cutting into the order of the position of our vessels. Several of them showed no lights and others only very Second dispatch: "Having met sev-

eral hundred fishing boats, the squadron showed them every consideration, except when they were in company with foreign torpedo boats. Which one dis-appeared, while the other, according to the fishers' own evidence, remained among them until morning. They sup-posed it was a Russian and were indignant because it did not aid the victims; but it was foreign, and remained until morning, seeking the other torpedo boat, its consort, either to repair damage or who were not its accomplices. If there prudently dragged into the enterprise l begin the name of the whole squadror to express my sincere regret to the un-fortunate victims of circumstances unwhich no warship, even in time of deep peace could have acted otherwise,'

MYSTERY DEEPENS. St. Petersburg, Oct. 28, 3:10 a. m.-The mystery of the trawler affair, instead of being cleared up by Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's report today appears to be deeper than ever. The Russian admiral's explanation is hailed with the greatest satisfaction at the admiralty and elsewhere, but it is felt that a direct issue has now been raised between Great Britain and Russia and the issue has entered on a more delicate Public sentiment in both countries

doubtless will demand the most searching investigation to establish facts, and probably neither nation will be willing to accept the result of an ex-parte inquiry by the other.

The outcome probably will be a mixed tribunal of some sort. This at least is the suggestion of some of the cooler men here, as it is felt that only thus

could a repetition of the Maine inquiry Popular excitement has reached a pitch unequalled since the beginning of the war. Public sympathy and confi-dence undoubtedly are with Vice Ad-

out further inquiry there is no question that such a course would be popular with the masses, who would be willing to back the government in the contro-versy to the ulmost extremity. It is most unlikely, however, that the

government will adopt such a course. It is much more probable that after the first flush of excitement has faded a middle way will be found whereby the facts can be established and the na-tional pride of both countries main-

RUSSIAN PRESS COMMENT.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 28.—'The morning papers today print Vice Admiral Ro-jestvensky's report of the North sea in-cident, with extensive comments, the one of which does not mean concilia The Eussian admiral's report i accepted without reservation as the true explanation of the happening true explanation of the happenings at Dogger bank, and stress is laid on the concurrence of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's report that he was attacked by torpedoboats with the declaration of the tishermen that the torpedoboats, of which the Russian fleet had none, ran in close to the trawlers be-Admira, Rojestvensky reports that the

throw the blame for all the loss of life upon the Japanese, some of the newspapers do not hesitate to intimate that it is Great Eritain's private affair.

The Novoesti baldly suggests the possibility that

sibility that the torpedoboats described by the Russian commander were boats loaned to the Japanese by the British

The Novoe Vremya says that, not-withstanding Great Britain's numerical superiority upon the sea, there is no need to flaunt the fact in the face of the Russian people, who are able to The paper adds:

"The Japanese lesson given in the early days of the slege of Port Arthur has not fallen upon sterile ground. The Japanese now find it harder to surprise Russian fleet than it was formerly. The Russ congratulates Vice Admiral Rojestvensky upon "beating off the Japanese attack," and says his report, as it was expected it would, puts an entirely different face upon the whole

COUNT CASSINI'S VIEWS.

Washington, Oct. 27 .- Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador was deeply in erested tonight in the dispatch from Russia that the Russian government had not yet received any request from Great Britain for the punishment of the officers responsible for the firing on the British fishermen, if any were found to be responsible. The ambassador said, speaking personally, that

her internal affairs or even suggest a method of internal administration and it is to be hoped that no nation will ake such suggestion

the facts before forming their opin-

While the situation is delicate, the ambassador is very sure diplomacy will solve it peaceably.

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 28.—Miss Pauline Mackay of Oakley defeated Miss Georgiana Bishop, the national champion, at the open gold tournament on Country club links today, in the final match by a score of 1 up, 19 holes.

Gen. Edgar D. Allen Suicides.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 28.-Gen. Edgar Allen, former United States district

REPORT OF CITY SCHOOLS.

Tetal Enrollment Reaches 13,234 Pu-

332 and the average number of pupils to each teacher is 42. There were 911 cases of tardiness during the mouth, 51 cases of truancy and three cases of corporal punishment. The corporal punishment was all in the Grant school, while the Sunner school heads the list in the cases of trushey, there being

Eight of the schools had an average of 99.9 per cent in punctuality. The highest average in attendance was at the Sumner, its percentage being 98. It also During the month 83 ere made to patrons by teachers.

William Collet Expires in His Room Following Hemerrhage of Lungs.

2 hours the police broke into his room this afternoon and discovered the body, From appearances the man had died of emorrhage of the lungs.

Deceased was 50 years of age, roomed at 231 east Third South street with a family named Berry. Fred Berry, the head of the house, works at night in a saloon. His wife, who is sick, was antil they got up and found that Colce were summoned and shortly after o'clock Detective Shannon and Office

Collett had been lodging at the place since Oct, 18, and appeared to be a so per and industrious man, with no bad

fleved that an inquest will be neceshappining population of the control of the control

NO SURRENDER OF PURT ARTHUR.

I Now Bid You All Goodbye Forever: Port Arthur is My Grave," Says Stoessel.

THAT MESSAGE SENT EMPEROR.

Garrison is Told That to Court a Glorious Death is Preferable To Capitulation.

FEAR OF SOME TROOPS DESERTING

It is Impossible to Bury the Dead at Any Depth.

Shanghai, Oct. 28 .- A private letter from Port Arthur dated Oct. 21 received here-today says "Gen. Stoessel wired the Russian em-

peror and court recently: "I now bid you all good bye forever, Port Arthur is my grave.'

"Gen. Stoessel has instructed the garrison of the beleaguered fortress with the spirit that to court a glorious death is preferable to capitulation.

The Japanese shells are inflicting great damage to the Russian fleet in the harbor and to the fortifications. The arsenal with its contents of ammunition and small arms has been destroyed and preparations are being made for the last deadly struggle at close quarters. The water supply having been cut off wells are being sunk. Provisions are scarce. Only tinned meats being left, the soldiers hold gala feasts on horses

killed by the shells. "Gen. Simonoff, it is said, would surrender but is overruled by Gen. Stoes-

"Certain troops included in the garrison have to be closely watched at present for fear of desertion or treach-

"The field and naval hospitals are crowded and nygenic condition coming desperate. The bombardment at times is so incessant that it is impossible to bury the dead to any depth.

Over one half of the original garrison is dead, wounded or sick. "The high angle at which their artillery fire is directed by the Japanese has practically destroyed the

When the fleet attempted to break through the blockade some time ago the garrison was to have mad a desperate sortie and inflict as much damage as possible and if necessary capitulate. The failure of the fleet to escape frustrated the plan.

The besiegers are pressing closer daily and it is hard to say how long we can hold out When the end comes there will be a desperate fight and surprise. er daily and it is hard Thousands of the enemy will perish

This letter was entrusted to a native beatman who ran the blockade and mailed it at Chefoo. The recipient is a prominent con-tinental business man of this city with

a branch house at Port Arthur. HUGE SIEGE GUNS ARRIVE.

Chefoo, Oct. 28, 5 p. m .- Japanese at Dlany report the continued arrival of

huge siege guns.
A junk from Port Arthtur with eleven Chinese who left there on Oct. 19 on account of the costifness food arrived here today. They say that several of the Russian warships have been hit by dropping shells but none have been sunk. They estimate able bodid soldiers ther now at 10,000 saying a smaller force would be insufficient to garrison the various posi-

JAPANESE RUSH TRENCHES.

Gen. Kurcki's Headquarters in the Field, via Fusan, Oct. 28.—The Japa-nese gave a stirring exhibition of sharp determined fighting yesterday They drove the Russians from a high hill 10 miles east of the railroad in Gon. Kuroki's front, which is important strategically as a post of observation, and was the only point south of the Shakhe river which the Russian held. About a regiment of Russians were en-

trenched there with five machine guns.
The Japanese rushed the Russian trenches, shot many Russians as they were running down the hillside, and captured two machine guns. The Jap-anese had 20 killed and 80 wounded. The Russians left 20 dead on the field. There was hand-to-hand fighting when the trenches were taken. The Russians re-tired across the river. When the Japa. nese flag was raised over a tower sur-mounting the hill the Russian batteries showered shrapnel on it for an hour but

without result. DESPERATE ATTACK OPENED.

Tokio, Oct. 28, 4:30 p. m .- It is reported that the Japanese opened a dsperate general attack on the east-ern forts of the Keekwan group, north of Pert Arthur, during the morning of Oct. 26 and silenced the Russian bat-A shell exploded the Russian

Simultaneously the Japanese attacked the forts on Rihlung mountain and Sunghohowian mountain, silenced the Russian batteries and stormed and occupied the forts in front of these

On the night of Oct. 26 there was conflagration in Old Port Arthur and on Oct. 27 a shell hit the Russian bat-tleship Sebastopol and two Russian Official confirmation of the above is

acking but the reports are believed JAPS CAPTURE FORTS.

Shanghal, Oct. 28.-It is reported than the Japanese have occupied two forts to the northeast of Port Arthur, that a Russian battleship in the harber has

ben sunk, and that the Japanese attack on the fortress is becoming more furious. This report lacks confirmation.

fore heading for the vessels of the Rus-slan squadron. Attention is called also to the statement by the fishermen that a small vessel remained six hours at the scene of the disaster, while Vice whole Russian squadron proceeded to the southward.

While it is the general disposition to Bombardment is So Incessant That

await eventualities, trusting in God.

such a request to say the least, would be "unprecedented." "Russia," he added, "cannot admit the right of any power to interfere in

The ambassador, in response to a further inquiry said very emphaticily: "Await the facts; thinking people in this country will, I am sure, insist upon

Miss Mackay Beats Miss Bishop.

nttorney and a prominent Grand Army man, committed suicide near this city supposedly last night.

pils, of Which 36 Are Colored. The report of City Supt. of Schools Christensen for the first month of school ending Oct. 7 shows that the total enrollment in all of the city schools was 13,234 pupils, of which number only 36 are colored. The total number of teachers in the schools is

seven in that school during the month.

The average attendance in all the schools was 98.6 per cent and the average in punctuality was 99.7 per cent.

OLD MAN DROPS DEAD.

After William Collett had been dead

awakened at 2 o'clock this morning by the sound of something heavy falling in the room of their lodger. Thinking that it was some plaster from the celling, she went to sleep again. Early this morning her husband went to bed and nothing was thought of the incident Evans forced the door to find the man ying on his face. The lamp was still burning and everything in the room

The remains were removed to an unfertaking establishment after Coroner lark had been notified. It is not be-